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Grady C. Cothen, Jr.
Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development
Federal Railroad Administration
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Dear Mr. Cothen:

Thank you for your letter of June 19, with its enclosures from the BRS and BMW. We agree with the tone of the letter that there is railway labor concern over the design approach taken with the IDOT Project. Your specific recommendation was to "test sensitivities surrounding any possible increase in risk over the base case associated with the planned acknowledgement approach entering work zones." I am referring this recommendation to the NAJPTC Management Committee for their consideration.

I intend to brief the PTC RSAC at the next meeting on July 8th on the IDOT Project status and will cover the Roadway Worker protection design and operation as a part of that briefing. Hopefully that briefing will further the understanding of the PTC design features that we believe meet the requirement of protecting roadway workers and their equipment operating under specific authorities.

If I can be on any further assistance, please call me at (719) 584-0657.

Sincerely,

Alan L. Polivka

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July 22, 2003

Attn: Mr. Grady C. Cothen:

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company would like to withdraw the Train Sentinel Waiver request (docket FRA-2003-14216). This waiver request was replaced by a new submittal (FRA-2003-15432).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Lederer", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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